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DEPT PASS GAO

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON DCM AND OTHER EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS WEDNESDAY, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS OF GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP. EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EUROPEAN RAMIFICATIONS OF A PURPORTEDLY IMMINENT GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE REPORT ON THE F-16 AIRCRAFT. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT AWARE OF THE REPORT, IF IT EXISTS, WE DO VIVIDLY RECALL THE POLITICAL AND MEDIA SCRIMMAGE THAT FOLLOWED LAST YEAR'S GAO REPORT ON THE F-16 PROGRAM WHEN IT WAS PREMATURELY LEAKED IN WASHINGTON. WE ALSO RECALL PROMISES MADE TO THE DANES LAST YEAR BY GAO OFFICIALS THAT DENMARK WOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON FUTURE F-16 GAO REPORTS IF THEY ADDRESSED MULTINATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROJECT. IT IS DIFFICULT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND HOW ANY
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REPORT CRITICAL OF THE F-16 COULD AVOID THE MULTINATIONAL SENSITIVITIES TO THIS VOLATILE ISSUE IN DENMARK. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE DANES WOULD BE GREATLY OFFENDED IF ANOTHER CONTROVERSIAL F-16 REPORT EMERGED WITHOUT THEIR PRIOR WARNING OR REVIEW.

2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S (AND GAO'S COMMENTS ON

THE GENERAL DYNAMICS EXECUTIVES' CONCERNS AND ASK FOR PRESS
GUIDANCE IF SUCH A REPORT SHOULD BE FORTHCOMING.
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